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Sent: Thur 8/20/2015 6:09:56 PM
Subject: Re: FOR YOUR ACTION: WSJ and Epoch times q's gathered and submitted today

Below are the approved replies to the Epoch Times inquiry. EOC PIO just gave the green light for the Epoch Times answers to be sent to the reporter. We are still pulling together answers on the WSJ inquiry. Thx, Micah

Approved Responses to Epoch Times inquiry

1. Did the wastewater from the Red and Bonita mine get pushed into the Gold King Mine?

Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

2. What prompted the assessment - Was this a routine thing, consistent with the EPA's efforts to clean up other mines in the area?

Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

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3. What was the deciding factor that led to the assessment on Aug. 5, 2015?

Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

4. What is the plan going forward regarding the plethora of leaky mines in Silverton and throughout Colorado? Will Good Samaritans be deployed to continue the cleanup or will the EPA continue to lead the efforts?

Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

5. A previous study indicates this mine was considered a high priority for clean up. When was the last time it was assessed? Were there any prior attempts to clean it?

Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

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Can you share with us ASAP when available?

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You'll need to track with the EOC.

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On Aug 20, 2015, at 10:59 AM, McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov> wrote:

I sent it to them. Can someone let us in R8 know when they've gone through and are going to reporters?

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These need to be run through the EOC. I also suggest adding language to the question on Superfund designation that outlines the need for community support etc. It really needs to be a more robust answer.

I also suggest adding these to the FAQs on the website. It would be helpful to point people to these answers.

Thanks!

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On Aug 19, 2015, at 11:33 PM, McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov> wrote:

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